(ख) स्वतन्त्रता संग्राम के शिक्षण से संबंधित पाठ्य पुस्तकों और मार्गदर्शी रूपरेखाओं के मूल्यांकन के अलावा रा० शै०अ० तथा प्र० परि० पाठ्य पुस्तकों के लेखकों के लिये अवस्थापना कार्यक्रम आयोजित करती है और स्कूलों के लिये और स्वतन्त्रता संग्राम से संबंधित सामग्रियां जारी रखेंगी और इन्हें राज्य शैक्षिणिक एजेंसियों को उनके प्रयोग हेतु उपलब्ध करायेंगी।

ion of the Concept of Accreditation council by the University Grants Commission

1007. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission has introduced the concept of accreditation council for Central funding;

(b) whether the institutions of higher learning are in a position to achieve financial viability or excellence without assistance from the State; and

(c) whether the University Grants Commission would be prevailed upon to drop this move as it is likely to result in many institutions of higher learning going out of existence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the National Policy on Education—1986 envisages the development of a mechanism for accreditation and assessment for maintaining and raising the quality of institutions of higher education. In pursuance of this, the UGC has got a concept paper prepared and circulated for wider discussions. The concept paper suggests, among others, that within five years of setting up of the Accreditation Council, only accredited institutions should be eligible for Central funding. The State Governments would however, be free to establish and fund institutions, whether thye are accredited or not.

(c) The proposed system of accreditation is still to be evolved. A final decision will be taken only after wide discussions on the proposal and keeping in view the different points of view which emerge from these discussions.

Permission to Free-lance Film Producer

1008. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a free-lance film producer has sought permission for video shooting of old shahi mosques situated in Ahmedabad city, to be telecast by the Doordarshan Kendra Ahmedabad;

(b) if so, when the permission was sought and the reasons for which Government are not giving clearance; and

(c) whether Senior Conservation Assistant of Archaeology Department in Ahmedabad is competent to give permission and whether such permission had been granted earlier, including to the foreign tourists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The permission was sought on 13-5-88 but it could not be considered for want of formalities to be completed by the applicant as prescribed in the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Rules, 1959.

(c) No, Sir.